

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
May 4, 2016**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn**

**In Attendance**

Dave Colteryahn, chair  
Greg LoBuono, vice-chair  
Veronica Craig  
Tom Nault  
Gwen Ritchie  
Dave Sheehan  
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative

**Absent**

Rita Rings  
Joe Stoeber

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the April 6th, 2016 meeting were approved after having been amended to include mention of the plan to present the Friends of Fairfield Forest award to CORA at the City Council meeting on April 25th.

**Standing Business**

**Correspondence/Articles**

Articles were presented featuring the City of Fairfield as a Tree City USA, the Duke Energy Earth Day tree planting ceremony, and the poor practice of volcano mulching.

**Hours Spent on EC Activities**

Dave Colteryahn/8.5, Greg/8.5, Dave Sheehan/1, Tom/10, Roni/9, Rita/2, Gwen/3.5, and Joe/4.

**Adopt-A-Roadway**

Tom took care of March/April. Roni has May/June.

**Parks Board Report—Bob Schappacher**

Two new members were appointed to the Parks Board. The 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program was reviewed. A Board member will be assigned to the Environmental Commission at the Park Board's May meeting.

### **Parks Department Report—Bob Schappacher**

Bob distributed an updated contact list for EC members.

Bob provided a safety vest to be passed among EC members for Adopt-A-Roadway use. Initial holes have been dug at Huffman Park for the tree nursery. Five trees donated by the Fairfield Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will kick start the nursery. The possibility was raised of manning a booth on proper pruning practices at a Farmers Market later in the season.

### **Commissioner Reports**

A nomination was submitted for the 2016 Friends of Fairfield Forest award.

The work schedule was finalized for the manning of the EC booth from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Home Expo on May 14th.

The draft tree maintenance program is undergoing final review with an implementation focus on Creekside Park.

### **Other Business**

The possibility of hosting Tree City USA was discussed.

Tom presented a draft of a thank-you letter to the Fairfield Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.

### **Calendar**

Parks Board Meeting—May 17th at 6:00 pm @ CAC

EC Meeting—June 1st at 6:00 pm @ CAC

Fairfield Home Improvement Expo—May 14th @ CAC

### **Programs**

Brush Chipping—May 14th @ Groh Lane 8:00 am to Noon

Let's Go Hiking—May 21st @ Huffman Park 10:30 am to Noon (FREE)

Senior Nature Series—June 6th @ Harbin Park 10:00 to 11:00 am (FREE)

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm**